



Traditional Worship Service The Resurrection of the Lord



April 20, 2025

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Easter Bells

arr. Michael Ryan

Chancel Ringers

Easter Hymn Melodies

arr. Martha Yasuda

Elysium String Quartet

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

PRELUDE Festival Fanfare on "Engelberg"

Charles V. Stanford, arr. Kevin McChesney

Chancel Ringers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

My dear friends, we have known grief. We have known loss.

We have known the long road, tired and winding.

We have whispered prayers on bended knees.

We have stared at the sky, empty of stars.

But today—**today we know hope.**

Today we know life. **Today we know the sound of Alleluias.**

*Please stand if you are able.

Today we know that death does not have the last word.

Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

It is Easter. May hope find you. And may you know, deep in your bones, that today is a new day. **Alleluia! Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

#123

EASTER HYMN

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Gospel of Luke says: "It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told the apostles [of the resurrection]. But these words seemed to the disciples an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb."¹

Forgive us, God, when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it.

Forgive us, God, when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope.

Forgive us, God, when we dismiss the stories of others and minimize the voices of our neighbors.

In a world that teeters between grief and hope, show us how to be like Peter.

Show us how to hold onto hope. Show us how to run toward you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Family of Faith, at first, the disciples didn't believe that Jesus had risen. They stayed locked in an upper room, shaking and afraid. Peter was the only exception. Fortunately, Jesus loves us on our best days and our worst days.

God's grace exists for us when we are hopeful and when we're grieving, when we're shouting and when we're silent, when we're full of faith and when we're full of fear.

God's grace exists for us on the best days, the worst days, and every day in between.

Thanks be to God for this good news! Alleluia! Amen.

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:50-24:12

Kate Arrington

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Karen Kinney

“Can My Grief Hold Hope?”

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

Everyone who witnessed Jesus’ crucifixion experienced some level of trauma and grief – can hope be experienced in the face of such grief? How can the act of remembering ultimately lead us to hope?

*SERMON HYMN

#108

Christ is Alive!

TRURO

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In the dark before dawn, **we believe that God is alive.**

In the midst of our grief, **we believe the Spirit is at work.**

In the chaos of our broken world, **we believe that love is on the loose.**

For no stone could keep God at bay, **and no violence could keep God’s love from us.**

So today we sing, **Alleluia!**

For somewhere in between our belief and doubt, **hope lives.**

Christ has died, **and Christ has also risen. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory 3. "Credo", from *Mass in G* No. 2, D. 167

Franz Schubert

Chancel Choir and Elysium String Quartet

*Doxology

#592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN

#118

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

*BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, may you find God in every messy middle. May you know that the world is bigger than two sides. May you trust that you are made in the image of God, and therefore, you contain multitudes. So may you move through this world with an open heart, with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone. God is with you in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between. Believe that good news, and go in peace.

POSTLUDE "Easter Sinfonia", from Easter Oratorio BWV 249

Johann Sebastian Bach

arr. David Prudon

You're welcome to stay and enjoy the Postlude or to depart while the music is played.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!